

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
an absorbent body having a front surface side and comprising
a first layer of only pulp fibers, a second layer of pulp fibers
and super absorbent polymer and a third layer of only pulp fibers
such that the super absorbent polymer is only in the second
layer, wherein the first, second and third layers are laminated
in order from the front surface side such that the second layer
is between the first and third layers, a rear face of the first
layer contacts a front face of the second layer and a rear face
of the second layer contacts a front face of the third layer, and
wherein a content of the super absorbent polymer in the second
layer of the absorbent body is not less than 55% by weight of the
absorbent body;

a top sheet which is liquid permeable and covers the
absorbent body, wherein the top sheet includes a non-woven
fabric, the top sheet contacting a front face of the first layer
and a rear face of the third layer;

a liquid-permeable upper sheet; and

a liquid-impermeable lower sheet;

wherein the second layer of the absorbent body is thicker
than both the first layer of the absorbent body and the third
layer of the absorbent body;

~~wherein a total thickness of the absorbent article is 5 mm
or less;~~

wherein a moisture absorbing blocking rate of the super
absorbent polymer is 50% or less;

wherein the top sheet and the absorbent body are situated
between the liquid-permeable upper sheet and the liquid-
impermeable lower sheet; and

wherein a fiber thickness, a wet strength, and a basis
weight of the non-woven fabric in the top sheet are set to be not
more than 2.0 denier, not less than 300 g/25 mm, and not less
than 10 g/m², respectively.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in
claim 1, wherein

the top sheet is a single sheet and has an overlapping
portion at a center of the front surface side of the absorbent
5 body; and

~~both~~ upper and lower surfaces of the non-woven fabric in the
top sheet are subjected to a hydrophilic treatment.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed
in claim 1, wherein the super absorbent polymer has absorption
capabilities such that: 1) an absorption speed of 30 cc of

artificial urine is 50 seconds or less, and 2) an absorbed amount
5 of artificial urine under a pressure of 20 g/cm² is 28 cc/g or
more.

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1,
wherein the top sheet is conterminous with the absorbent body.

9. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1,
further comprising an outer layer non-woven fabric arranged
alongside the liquid-impermeable lower sheet on an opposite side
from the top sheet and absorbent body.

10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 9,
wherein the liquid-permeable upper sheet is partly in contact with
the outer layer non-woven fabric.

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 10,
wherein the liquid-impermeable lower sheet is in contact with the
outer layer non-woven fabric.

12. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 9,
wherein the liquid-impermeable lower sheet is in contact with the
outer layer non-woven fabric.

13. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising ~~water-repellent non-woven fabrics for forming~~ three-dimensional gathers arranged on the liquid-permeable upper sheet at side edge portions of the absorbent body.

14. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the liquid-permeable upper sheet and the liquid-impermeable lower sheet are both in contact with the top sheet.

15. (New) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein a total thickness of the absorbent body is from 1 mm to 10 mm.

16. (New) The absorbent article of claim 9, wherein portions of the liquid-permeable upper sheet and the outer layer non-woven fabric are connected to one another to define an interior between the liquid-permeable upper sheet and the outer layer non-woven fabric in which the absorbent body and the lower sheet are entirely situated.